at the end of financial year during the last five years are as under:—

As	Gold Holdings of RBI as included in Foreign Exchange Reserves		Value of Gold at International price at London
	Quality (in 000 Gms.)	Value * (Rs. Cr.)	(Rs. Cr.)
31-3-1986	324,989	274	4467
31-3-1987	324,989	274	5643
31-3-1988	324,989	274	6237
31-3-1989	324,989	274	6257
16-3-1990	332,563	281	7313

*Valued at the Statutory Price of Rs. 84.39 per 10 Grammes.

(c) Quantity of Gold seized under the Customs and Gold Control Act is as under:

Year	Under Customs Act		Under Gold Control Act	
	In Kgs		Yearwise	In Kgs.
1985-86	2481		1985	834
1986-87	2288		1986	719
1987-88	2388		1987	473
1988-89	8086		1988	1331
1989-90	(Upto Feb. 1990) 5723	Upto Dec.	1989	2524

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

Seizure of Narcotics by Enforcement Agencies

2051. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of narcotics seized by the enforcement agencies during 1988-89;

(b) the number of people prosecuted and those convicted so far; and

(c) the proposed steps to control drug trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) The quantities of various narcotic

drugs seized by the enforcement agencies during 1988-89 are as under:—

Drugs	1988	1989
	(in Kgs.)	
Opium	3304	4855
Morphine	23	10
Heroin	3029	2714
Ganja	45994	54463
Hashish	17523	8179
Cocine	13	3

(b) The number of people prosecuted and convicted for the years 1986 to 1989 are as follows:—

	1986	1987	1988	1989
No. of persons prosecuted	*5525	4863	3704	3694
No. of prersons convicted	586	297	339	255

(* from14-11-85 to 31-12-86)

(c) The steps taken by government to control drug trafficking include provision of deterrent punishment to drug traffickers, strengthening of preventive and intelligence machinery (especially around borders and vulnerable areas), adoption of liberalised reward scheme for officers and informers, strengthening of bilateral and multilateral co-operation to prevent illicit drug movement and assist in investigation of cases world-wide.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 has also been strengthened by providing for death penalty on second coviction in respect of special offences and for forfeiture of property of drug offenders. Besides, all drug related offences have been made cognizable and non-bailable.

Non-Resident status for Merchant Navy Officers

2052. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to accord the status of Non-resident Indian to the Merchant Navy Officers; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Income-tax and Central Excise Duty outstanding against big business Houses

2053. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is outstanding against big business houses towards income-tax and Central excise duty upto February, 1990; and

(b) what steps are being taken to recover these amounts from these houses?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) As on 28th February, 1990, an amount of Rs. 224.05 crores and Rs. 236.09 crores is outstanding as arrears of Income-tax and Central Excise duty respectively from the top 20-business houses.

(b) Appropriate administrative, legal and other steps as considered necessary are being taken. Most of the amounts being linked with court cases, efforts are being made to get the cases listed for early hearings and stays against the recovery vacated.